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## Required Reading

### Latin Missiles

*Excerpt from a March 27 floor speech by Senator Dave Durenberger, Republican of Minnesota, in which he warned that if President Reagan provides the Nicaragua rebel organization F.D.N. with advanced new types of air defense missiles, Nicaragua might respond by supplying the missiles to rebels it supports in neighboring El Salvador:*

Hopefully we can persuade the President over some period of time not to provide those kinds of weapons because they may shoot both ways, as some of my colleagues have pointed out.

The F.D.N. right now is not ready for Stingers or Blowpipes or anything else.

First, lethal aid is symbolic of our support but also is a hostile act against a country whom we recognize and with whom we hope to negotiate.

Second, this is escalation and will undoubtedly result in the provision of SA-7's to the Salvadoran insurgents.

Third, air defense weapons are not critical to the F.D.N.'s survival or effectiveness. The Salvadoran insurgents did quite well without them. So can the F.D.N.

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